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Title: Issue regarding construction of dams, over the tributaries of Mahanadi by the Government of Chattisgarh.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I have an issue to raise here. It is not only important for the State of Odisha but also the entire country. The hon. Union Minister the other day had informed the House that without the permission of the Central Water Commission, thereby the Union Government, construction of dams will not be allowed. However, Chattisgarh Government has started construction of dams, which are major projects, over the tributaries of Mahanadi. Hon. Chief Minister of Chattisgarh, yesterday I would say, has come out openly saying that they will complete the dam on war footing. This is a blatant violation of law. I demand the Union Government to intervene in the matter and stop construction of dams when tripartite discussions are taking place between the States of Chattisgarh, Odisha under the tutelage of the Ministry of Water Resources in Delhi. When interactions are taking place between all these three stakeholders, there is no necessity of making such statements in the public. Therefore, I would like to urge upon this Government to intervene in the matter and tell Chhattisgarh not proceed with the construction of the dam.